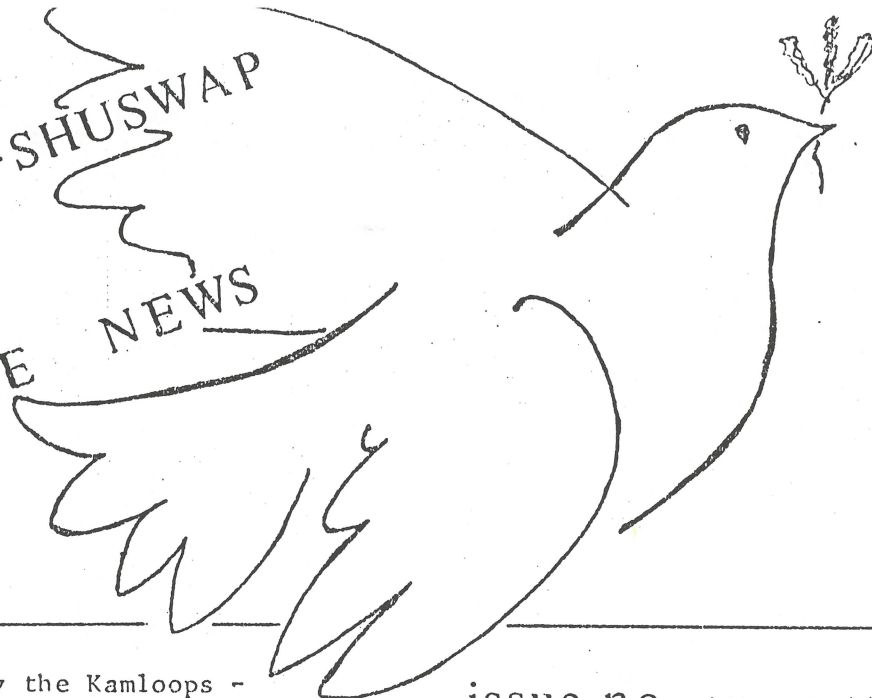


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#### CANADA'S ROLE IN THE UNITED NATION'S INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

*Mr. Douglas Roche, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, recently crossed the country for consultations with Canadian's on the relationship between disarmament and development and the International Year of Peace.*

*The consultations, according to Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, were to prepare for the international conference in Paris, July 15- August 2, sponsored by the United Nations as a major project of the International Year of Peace.*

*In lieu of an editorial we present below an open letter to Mr. Roche by the Calgary Peace Council.*

International Year of Peace has been greeted by all of peace loving mankind as a unique opportunity to promote peaceful relations among nations, for disarmament and for development in economically underdeveloped regions in the world.

Only a small group of militarists and their financial backers oppose the U.N.'s efforts to make International Year Of Peace a success. The major U.N. project, the Paris Conference on the Relationship Between Disarmament and Development is being supported by more than 160 countries. Only the United States is boycotting this historic event.

Canada's support for International Year of Peace is in line with public opinion in this country. Thoughtful Canadians reject the anti-U.N. stance of extremist forces. We are dismayed by the actions of United States and Great Britain in withdrawing support from UNESCO. We are for strengthening of the United Nations.

The desire to rid the world of nuclear weapons is the issue which unites the broadest spectrum of democratic and humanist opinion in our country. Canadians greeted the Gorbachev-Reagan Summit of last November. There was generally positive response to the decision by the Soviet government to unilaterally end the testing of nuclear weapons and its proposals to rid the world of all nuclear weapons by the turn of the century.

The atmosphere of reason was further strengthened by the exchange of greetings between Reagan and Gorbachev at New Years 1986. These events were a hopeful beginning for the Year of Peace. The possibilities for Canada to play a positive role for peace at this point were varied and many.

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In light of this reality it is profoundly disturbing that the government you represent chose instead to give uncritical support to the United States for actions that have been widely criticized at home and abroad as harmful to the peace process.

The government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is the first Canadian administration to throw into question Canada's long standing commitment to a nuclear test ban treaty. According to press reports, Canada abstained on a proposal to convene a United Nations conference to ban underground testing. Only the United States, Britain and France opposed the proposal.

The silence of the Canadian government during the eight-month Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing and the government's failure to urge the U.S. to seize the opportunity this Soviet gesture provided is an ominous departure from previous foreign policy goals.

Likewise on the matter of Canada's attitude to U.S. Star War's strategy. How are we to interpret the Prime Minister's declaration that Canada will not formally participate in Star Wars but private companies may? By stressing the economic advantages to private business which is receiving Star Wars contracts there is an insidious suggestion that if the price is right, Canadian sovereignty is for sale.

We cannot escape the conclusion that this ambiguity in the Prime Minister's statement is an attempt to prepare public opinion to accept yet another departure from traditional Canadian government policy, and to allow the territory to be used for the testing or deployment of nuclear weapons or their means of delivery. The coincidence of a U.S.-Canadian pact to allow Cruise testing with a Canadian-U.S. agreement to rebuild the DEW Line with the latest communications technology invites the conclusion that a deal has already been struck under the NORAD Agreement, which involves Canadian technology and territory in the U.S. Star Wars plans.

In his recent response to persistent demands from a growing number of prominent Canadians for withdrawal from NATO and NORAD, the External Affairs Minister, Joe Clark, has evaded a discussion of the attempts by The United States to involve NATO member countries in U.S. military actions against other nations.

British agreement to allow the United States to use NATO bases in England to attack Libya is an alarming precedent. Canada, South Africa and Israel were alone in supporting the U.S.-British aggression against Libya.

One wonders, Mr. Ambassador, in light of Canada's support for such actions how can we go to the Paris Conference and convince third world nations that we are sincere about third world development. Not only has Canada's moral authority suffered a crippling blow, but by implication we open the door to direct Canadian involvement in the U.S. military actions in the future.

A recent news report quotes U.S. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George Shultz as calling for NATO to become directly involved in the fight against terrorism. If Mr. Shultz had his way, next time the United States decides it will have revenge on an alleged terrorist it could involve Canadian armed forces. Perhaps we will see U.S. bombers taking off from the proposed NATO base on Labrador to attack "terrorists" in Nicaragua or some other country with whom Canada has no quarrel.

The Canadian people love peace. The assertions of right-wing apologists of U.S. foreign policy that Canada has no independent role to play in the quest for peace is unworthy of our people. The anti-nuclear weapons stance of our Commonwealth partner, New Zealand, is an indication of the positive role small nations can play. We expect our government to take independent initiatives for peace and disarmament, whether or not it pleases the United States.

We therefore call upon you, Mr. Ambassador, to urge Prime Minister Mulroney to return Canada to a more independent and constructive role in the international peace process.

There are six months remaining in the International Year of Peace. We call for a major peace initiative by Canada in the remaining time

CALGARY PEACE COUNCIL  
Don Currie, Chairperson  
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We urge our readers to make use of this material; let your M.P., Douglas Roche, Joe Clark and the P.M. know your opinion on Canada's world policy. Let us do everything we can in this International Year of Peace!



SOUTH AFRICA

The situation in South Africa is becoming more alarming by the hour. The Cruel system of Apartheid must come to an end. Canadians can help! Write to Secretary of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark, and demand that Canada impose total sanctions on South Africa, immediately.

Canadians should also be aware of the many South African products on our market and boycott them. Spread the word and get your friends and relations to boycott them, too.

THE ROTHMAN CONNECTION:CIGARETTES-

Black Cat	More
Camel	Number 7
Craven A	Pall Mall
Dunhill	Peter Stuyvesant
Gauloises	Rothman's
Gitanes	Salem
Cameo	Winston

TOBACCOS-

Amphora	Erinmore
Amstel	Flagship
Dunhill	Scotch Plaid
Virginia Gold	Picket Edition

BEER-

Black Horse	Dow Ale
Black Label	Heidelberg
Brading	Miller
Buckeye	O'Keefe
Carlsberg	Old Vienna
Colt 45	Red Cap
Toby	

NO NAME PRODUCTSWINES AND SPIRITS-

(watch for them under the South African section in all liquor stores)

NO NAME PRODUCTS-

Dominion Red Label "No Name"

For a complete list contact the KSPC office.

CROSS CANADA PETITION AGAINST STAR WARS

The Canadian Peace Alliance has initiated a nation-wide petition to get Canada out of Star Wars. Peace groups all across the country are getting ready to spend the summer collecting signatures on the petition, which is enclosed.

Members of the KSPC will be seen around Kamloops this summer, asking for support for this petition. We urge all those concerned about the danger to world peace, and to the North American economy, represented by

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Star Wars, to sign and to get their friends and neighbours to sign.

We would also ask that any member or friend of KSPC, who has time to petition for one hour or more, please phone 374-3269 for more information. Regular petitioner's will meet every Friday evening (7:00 P.M.) and every Saturday morning (11:00 A.M.) at Thompson Park Mall (West end) and fan out from there.

We would request that each reader please fill the enclosed petition and return to the KSPC office.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS-A NEW THREAT



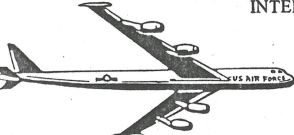
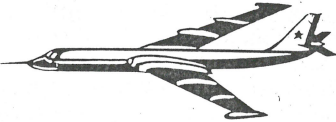


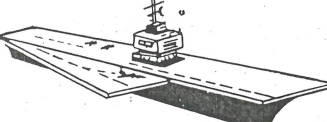
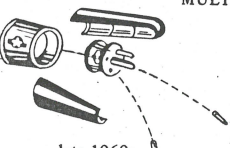
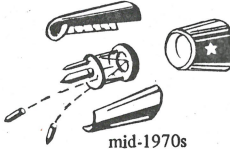


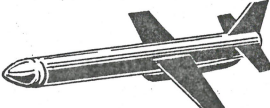
A new generation of chemical weapons is adding to the horror of modern warfare. A meeting of NATO defence ministers in May endorsed a plan by the United States to spend \$167 million to manufacture artillery shells and bombs, which will feature binary nerve gas. Opposition came from Norway, Luxembourg, Greece, Denmark and the Netherlands, with only unqualified support from Italy. All other NATO countries, including Canada, supported the production of these unimaginably dreadful weapons.

Binary weapons are made "safer" for the army using them, as they are not lethal until two harmless component chemicals are mixed. Of course, the attacking army is shielded against them, and chances are the defending army would be too. Who then would the intended targets be? One could only imagine the intended targets are civilians.

Ah, the march of technological progress in the United States! They may not be able to put a communications satellite into orbit, but they will soon be able to kill whole populations with no damage to real estate! And it is a vast improvement over the neutron or enhanced radiation weapon. The neutron bomb causes some blast damage at ground zero, releasing very large amounts of radiation, killing all life in the area. Binary nerve gas is much more efficient; no damage to valuable property, death is fairly rapid, and clean up comes much sooner than with radiation!

The Reagan Administration, who characterize binary nerve gas as safe, claims these nightmarish devices counter "Soviet superiority". One simply need review the history of the arms race to see through this fabrication. The U.S. has initiated every step of the Arms race and has used that same lie every time. (Con't page 4)

INITIATIVE IN DEVELOPING NEW WEAPON SYSTEMS

USA	USSR
NUCLEAR WEAPONS	
 mid-1940s (used in August 1945)	 late 1940s
INTERCONTINENTAL STRATEGIC BOMBERS	
 mid-1950s	 late 1950s
NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES	
 mid-1950s	 late 1950s
NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	
 early 1960s	none
MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES	
 late 1960s	 mid-1970s
NEUTRON WEAPONS	
 late 1970s-early 1980s	none
LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES	
 mid-1970s	 mid-1980s

CHEMICAL WEAPONS (Con't)

Now is the time to expose these dangerous lies. We must pressure Reagan's supporters in Ottawa. Canada must not be a party to these incredibly insane and inhumane weapons. For the sake of our children and life on this planet, we must stop binary nerve gas production now!

SOVIETS MAKE NEW OFFER

According to the Kamloops News, June 17, 1986, Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev has unveiled a new offer that proposes the United States restrict Star Wars research in return for a cut in strategic nuclear arsenals.

Gorbachev proposed that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union abide by the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty for a further 15 years.

The treaty, which expires next year, limits defences against missile attack. The Star Wars project to develop a space-based missile will violate its terms

Research on space weapons would be confined to the laboratory, "that is, the threshold already actually reached by the U.S.," Gorbachev said.

Moscow has been hostile to Star Wars for the past two years and has said that it had to be scrapped as a condition for cuts in long-range nuclear arsenals.

Though officials have raised the possibility of accepting limits to research, such an offer had not been publicly tabled before.

Gorbachev said that at the same time Moscow proposed limiting long-range nuclear arsenals to 8,000 warheads and 1,600 delivery systems, while medium range weapons reduction would be resolved separately.

Western officials said that the new Soviet proposals implied larger cuts in the Soviet arsenal than the U.S. one.

Earlier this month U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said he would be opposed to extending the anti-ballistic missile treaty if it interfered with the development of the Star Wars program.

U.S. President Reagan angered the Kremlin earlier this month when he announced the United States planned to stop abiding by the 1979 SALT-II strategic arms treaty at the end of the year.

Gorbachev attacked Reagan for rejecting Moscow's arms proposals but said that a new summit could be held if there was a chance of positive results.

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NICARAGUA

Peace loving people around the world are outraged by the United States House of Representatives vote to give aid to the outlaw Contra army in Nicaragua to the tune of \$100,000,000.

The fact that the U.S. government has chosen to ignore the verdict of the prestigious World Court, (that The United States was interfering in the internal affairs of another country by mining the Nicaraguan waters and by covertly funding the contra's through the C.I.A.), shows the world that the Reagan Administration considers themselves to be above the International Law Court; and further bears out charges by President Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua's President, that Ronald Reagan is "acting worse than Hitler with his terrorist and fascist policy against Nicaragua, imposing it on international opinion and that of the North American people."

"We consider that this is the moment to let the people of Nicaragua know that the result of this vote has been the ramification of warlike policy of the U.S. government against Nicaragua," Ortega said.

Ortega added that the vote brought the United States "to the brink of direct intervention by its troops in Nicaragua."

Under the aid plan, the U.S. would openly give support to the Contras. They have been covertly aiding them through the C.I.A. since 1981.

Ortega said that his government would never talk to the Contras, whom he referred to as "the instruments of terror and the mercenary forces," and that Nicaragua would look to other countries for aid in defending itself.

The Republican controlled Senate must pass the bill before it can reach Reagan for his signature, but there is little doubt that it will pass.

Time is running out for Nicaragua. Although we do ask that you write a lot of letters to protest on many issues, please take the time to write to Sect. of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark; Reagan and any other person you can think of to protest this illegal U.S. action.

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Editor's Note:

Sometimes it may sound as though the KSPC is anti-American, I assure you that we are not, only anti-Reagan and Co. (Con't)

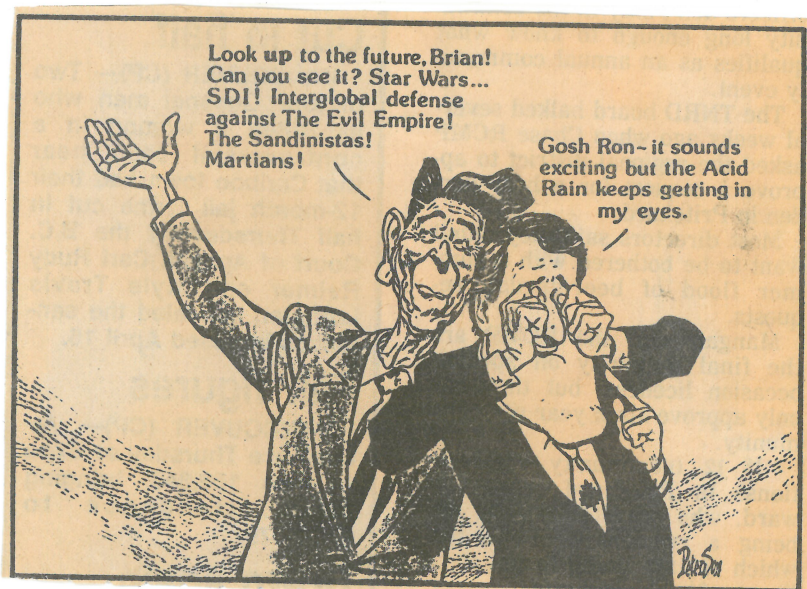
Ed's Note (Con't)

We have many wonderful friends and people working in the peace movement and in the government of the U.S. and ordinary citizens. For example:

On Dec. 12/85 four men and four women were found guilty of protesting appropriation of nearly \$1,000,000,000 government funds for mostly military aid to Central American countries.

The convicted will face maximum penalty of 90 days and a \$1,000 fine for criminal trespass. These courageous people are our friends and allies.

Another item, from the Kamloops News, reports that the cross country Peace March, from California to Washington, D.C. has reached its half way point. Six hundred people are still with the march and more are expected to join along the route as they near their destination. Our best wishes go with them.

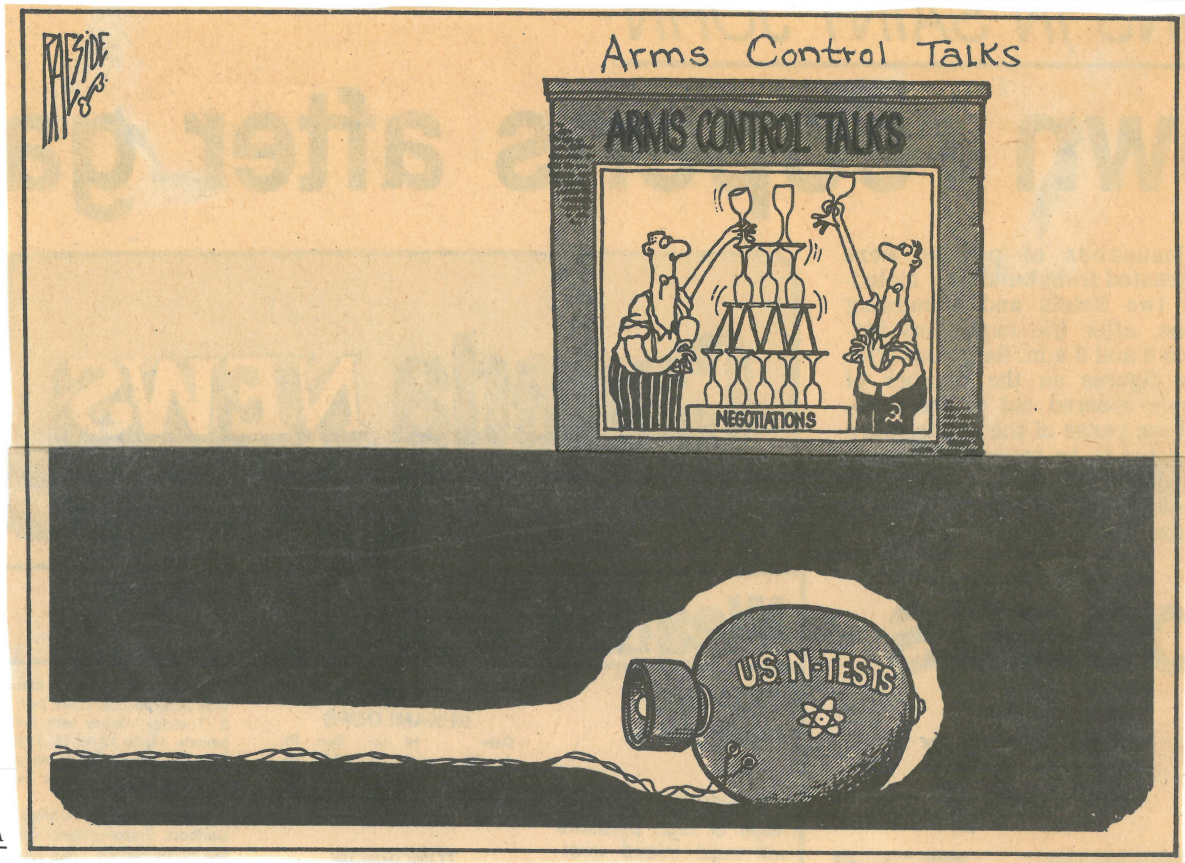
GUATEMALA

Canadians can help stop the "Disappearances" in Guatemala. More than 38,000 Guatemalans have been "Disappeared".

What happens when you become "disappeared"? You can be disappeared at any moment, even in broad daylight, with witnesses all around. Heavily armed plainclothesmen stop you on the street, or take you from your home, field or office, right in front of your family, friends or co-workers. They force you into an unmarked car with darkened windows. If anyone watching pleads your case or tries to stand in the way, he or she is taken, too. The car drives away. You are never heard from again. Officials deny they know where you are. Your family cannot find you. You are disappeared.

Help stop the disappearances - buy a handwoven bracelet made by a Guatemalan refugee. Each bracelet bears a tag (Con't page6)





### GUATEMALA

With the name of a person who has "been disappeared"; a leaflet explaining what you can do. Write to Minister of External Affairs, Joe Clark to tell him that you are absolutely opposed to any Canadian government aid to Guatemala until the human rights violations are ended and the fate of the 38,000 "Disappeared" is thoroughly investigated. Ask him what criteria is being used to determine whether Canadian aid is going to be renewed, and expect an answer.

Also, write to: His Excellency Mr. Urruela-Trado  
Guatemalan Ambassador to Canada  
500 - 294 Albert Street  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6E6

telling him you will continue to lobby against Canadian aid until Human Rights violations are ended. Ask him to inquire about the present location of the person who is listed on your bracelet.

For a five dollar bracelet, which helps the Cttee set up to aid the Disappeared, phone Lisa Millar - 376-1550.

\*PLEASE NOTE - KSPC PRESENTS our cable 10 program on Thursday evenings, will be cancelled for July and August, continuing in the fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER - Monthly KSPC meetings at the North Kamloops Library, second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (rear door) July 14th and Aug 11.

AUGUST 6th - Annual Hiroshima Candlelight Vigil to be held at the Cenotaph, 2nd and Battle, 8:00 P.M., followed by a short Peace Walk to Riverside Park. Please come and bring friends and relatives to rededicate your lives to peace.

PROJECT FOR THE MONTH- This News Letter is filled with many things to do. Please choose at least one letter and plan to attend the Hiroshima Vigil. It only takes a few moments of our lives to write a letter or to attend a rally, no matter how busy we are; but those few precious moments may make the difference between life and death to people in South Africa, Central America, and elsewhere.

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